

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Gulf Islands National Seashore 1801 Gulf Breeze Parkway Gulf Breeze, FL 32563

Resource Education Fee Waivers Gulf Islands National Seashore

Fee Waiver Qualifications

In order to qualify for a waiver, your group must meet the following criteria:

- Educational and scientific groups must submit proof of official recognition as an accredited
 institution by a federal, state, or local government entity. Private schools or other scientific
 institutions may submit documentation of tax exempt status granted for educational
 purposes. Groups or organizations that have been "officially recognized by a school or
 scientific institution for the purpose of providing education..." must provide evidence of
 this official recognition.
- The intended trip must relate directly to the educational or scientific purpose of the visit and to the unique features and resources of Gulf Islands. The visit "shall not be primarily for recreation purposes." Please submit your lesson plan listing objectives, itinerary, and how lessons relate to park resources.
- Requests from colleges or universities should also include a copy of the course description from the school's Course Catalog or Handbook.

How to Apply

On school letterhead, prepare your entrance fee waiver request and mail it, along with the criteria listed above, in writing, at least two weeks in advance of your visit to:

Educational Fee Waiver
Att: Bob Delaune
1801 Gulf Breeze Parkway
Gulf Breeze FL 32563

Paperwork may instead be faxed to (850) 932-9654. The two week window still applies.

*Note: The proposed trip must be sanctioned as an approved school educational activity by an authorized school official. The form must be signed by the school's principal, department head, or other appropriate official.

For your information

Other than groups traveling as part of a commercial tour, individuals 16 years or under, or individuals 62 years and older possessing Golden Age Passports, or permanently disabled persons possessing Golden Access Passports, are exempt from park entry fees. If an educational fee waiver has not been granted, all others must pay the required entrance fees.

Be sure each vehicle has a copy of the approved fee waiver in their possession at the entrance gate or they will be charged normal entrance fees.

Please call (850)934-2620 if you have questions or need assistance.